

I-84B/Idaho 27 North Overland

*Weekly Construction Update - June 9, 2010

A week after the shift of traffic onto the two eastern lanes has seen a few bugs in the system, but the contractor is moving quickly with excavation of the western half of the roadway and there is already the beginning of the new layout beginning to form.

Most visible of the bugs is the frequency of traffic backing up through the construction zone. Adjustments to the signal timing will continue to be made throughout construction, but patience is being asked for as traffic will continue to back up during the busiest travel times. With summer traffic picking up, the busiest travel times can extend for multiple hours.

Crews officially completed the storm water drainage system and started phase two of the project last week by pulverizing the roadway and removing the curb and gutter sections. This week, crews are completing removal of light poles, excavating to the required level to begin reconstructing the roadway and are building the base for sidewalks on the west side of Overland.

Following the excavation, crews will start placing sub-base material and geo-textile fabric, this helps strengthen the sub-base and reduces the thickness of the roadway. The process of installing the fabric and sub-base will continue for a couple weeks and will be followed by the gravel base material.

The contractor is still completing construction of the business access signs and those are expected to be posted at alternate business accesses by the end of the week. Reminder to everyone – changing, shared and temporarily closed access will continue throughout the remainder of construction.

REMINDER: Because of intersection limitations, no truck egress is allowed at 7th Street. All trucks must use 5th Street to enter onto Overland Avenue. Businesses owners and managers, please inform delivery drivers that they must exit onto 5th Street to access Overland Avenue. One signal head has already been taken out by a truck.

Preparations to install a sanitary sewer line on 7th Street is still in progress and may begin as soon as Monday.

*All construction activities and dates are subject to change as needed. This update is a basic guideline for anticipated construction activities.